

Extra, Extra

Read All About It

MARINERS EXCEL

SIC In Action

Met Goal: Reading Program

We decided to focus on encouraging kids to get daily reading done, as this helps their growth and test scores. Grades 2-5 implemented reading incentive programs that the SIC provided funding to purchase the awards for the kids.

Met Goal: Better Public Communication

We created our new website, send out a quarterly newsletters for updates during the school year and make sure all announcements/meetings are also in Principal's weekly newsletter.

Goal: Increase Test Scores by 2% per learning level (Continuous Eval)

SIC invested in quantitative and non-verbal games/activities to help students hone their skills and grow their learning in a fun way.

Met Morale Goal - Sonic Ice

- SIC partnered with Sonic for donated ice every week so our teachers have a little treat any time of day!

Met Goal: Workroom Makeover

In Summer 2024, the SIC invested in furniture to make the main workroom more functional and easier to use, also adding a new microwave and coffee bar!

On Going Goals:

*Find a STEM sponsor to help support EAGLES program.

* Continuing to find mentors for the counseling department's First Mate Mentoring Program.

Our mission is to strengthen our position as the premier elementary school in Lexington through our business partnerships, community engagement via on-line presence, and recruiting/retention of teachers and staff to keep LMES Palmetto's Finest Elementary School!



Our Business Partners:

We couldn't make this year as successful without our valued partnerships.

A huge *THANK YOU* to:

- Budget Blinds (Chapin & Lexington)
- DNR Construction
- Tony's RV
- Allstate - The Miles Agency
- The Zellers Properties team of RE/MAX Southern Collection
- Reify Corporation

Special Highlights

Our School Features:

- 13 Student Leadership Teams
- Run Hard Program
- After School Choir
- Morning AM Fitness
- Relay for Life Team
- First Mates Mentoring Program
- 13 National Board Certified Teachers

Events This Year Include:

- Hosting our 1st Athletes United Event for Special Olympics.
- Lake Murray Polar Plunge for Special Olympics
- 4th Grade Choir performance of Aladdin
- 5th Grade Choir sang at local nursing home.
- Boosterthon Fun Run Fundraiser
- Murray Fest Spring Carnival

PTA Provides

This School Year the PTA:

- Brought back duty free lunches for teachers.
- Provided lunch for all staff/teachers on all CP Days.
- Boosterthon Fun Run funds purchased a gaga pit and wheelchair accessible merry go round for our playground, and helped fund the buses for the 5th grade field trip.
- Provided T-shirt incentive for 1st Grade 100 Book Club.
- Hosted MurrayFest carnival for our families and community.
- Created a Giveback website where Spirit Wear, memberships and more can all be purchased on-line!
- Morale Booster - they pop by with tea/coffee cart to teachers/staff several times throughout the year and also provided snacks on conference days (when teachers stay late).

Graduate Profile Traits

Lexington 1 School District not only wants students to excel academically, but also wants all their graduates to be of good character. Thus, character traits have been incorporated into their action plan. At LMES, each month highlights one of these traits and students are recognized as a Model Mariner for portraying these traits as they go about their school day. The traits are:



Cheers to 25 Years

Our school celebrated 25 years of being open and serving our community with a heartfelt ceremony highlighting testimonies from past/present administrators, staff, district and state officials. The ceremony took place on February 9, 2025 in the LMES Cafeteria.

Awards & Accolades

LMES has been recognized Locally and Nationally!!

- 2019-2020 National Blue Ribbon School
- 2020 Common Sense Media School Partner
- 2021-2022 Special Olympics National Unified Champion School
- 2022-2023 Palmetto's Finest
- Recipient of 6 fully funded Donors Choose Grants and one Bright Ideas MCEC Grant
- Grow with the Game Award from USA Pickleball

Professional Development

- LETRS: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling
- Gifted and Talented Enrichment with Book Study: "Teaching Gifted Kids in Today's Classroom," by Dina Brulles, Ph.D.
- Technical Core

Special Shout Outs!

- Shannon Sharp and Leisa Clamp presented at the National Blue Ribbon Conference on making the most of Professional Development.
- Gail Harries and Jennifer Cammann presented at the Gifted/Talented State Conference on growing gifted learners collaboratively.

SIC Current Members

Leisa Clamp - Principal

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Kathryn Zellers - Chairperson

Parent Seat 2023-2025

kathryn.zellers@gmail.com

Myliisa Apperson - Teacher

Teacher Of The Year 2024

Ashley Kendall - Teacher

Teacher of the Year 2023

Hannah Silvia - Ex Officio

School Counselor

Matt Altman - Vice Chair

Parent Seat 2024-2026

Sharon Maxwell - Secretary

Parent Seat 2024-2026

Tracy Mitchell - Parent

Parent Seat 2023-2025

Barbara Hubbard - Community

Former LMES Teacher

Officer Bonnette - Community

Current Resource Officer

Interested in SIC? Parent Seats are nominated and voted on at the end of August each year. Look for this in Mrs. Clamps' weekly emails. Community seats are appointed by the principal, so just reach out to Mrs. Clamp directly if interested in serving.



School Report Card



Overall Rating:
"Excellent"
2024



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Support Staff
Of The Year:

Ernest Harrowanger
Assistant Custodian

Teacher Of
The Year:

Myliisa Apperson
3rd Grade Teacher



Get Involved

We couldn't make Lake Murray what it is without our wonderful community and parent involvement. We are in need of the following for next school year:

- Business Partners
- Mentor A Child
- Be a SIC Community or Board Member
- Join the PTA and volunteer at events
- Be a classroom parent
- Volunteer to work Duty Free Lunches



Please reach out to Mrs. Clamp or Kathryn Zellers at emails above with any questions.

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For All Things SIC, visit our new Website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/lmessic/home>

School Sites:



@marinermates



@lmeslex1



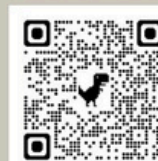
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